

Youth's Department.

Conducted by Lottie Holsinger.

Selected by Laura E. Cramer.

In Memoriam--Birthday Morning.

Girlhood's album lies before me,
Here a rose plucked, here a thorn--
Many nights of dewy sorrow,
But the clasp is golden morn.

And I'm standing on this morning
Like an island in the sea;
Childhood's memories clinging one side,
Like the ivy to the tree;

On the other--anchor lifted--
Drifts a ship with sails unfurled;
And the angel helmsman whispers
Of a fairer, brighter world.

I shall sail upon this vessel,
Though I leave my heart behind--
I must do a woman's duty,
Nobly, tenderly, and kind.

As I stand here, and yet wistful,
All the golden morning's sheen
Falls in mighty waves around me,
And I dream, I dream, I dream!

Memory bells are softly ringing
Of happy days gone by;
Days, too, of darkest sorrow--
But, thank God, the tears are dry.

Voices call me--I must hasten,
O'er life's solemn sea to sail;
Savior in the path before me,
Grant my heart may never fail!

When I see the storm cloud gather,
When I hear death's breaker roar,
With Christ's banner floating o'er me,
May I reach the shining shore.

Our Scripture Lesson For Aug. 10th.
Read Sam. 18: 24.

This lesson tells us about King David awaiting the coming of the messengers from the field of battle. His own son, Absalom, had gone on from bad to worse, until he finally is found leading an army against his own father. David was anxious about the result of the battle; for while he no doubt was anxious that the army led by his own son should be defeated, he did not want to have Absalom killed. The messengers finally came, but they brought him the sad news of his son Absalom's death. By reading the preceding part of the chapter in your Bible you will find that Absalom was riding a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak and his head caught hold of the oak and he was taken up between heaven and earth. People wore long hair those days. Then Joab took three darts into his hand, and thrust them through the body of Absalom so that he died. This was done contrary to David's wishes but no doubt Absalom's death was a just punishment to both father and son. Absalom was a bad boy--a disobedient son. The bible teaches that obedience to parents is the first command with promise. The promise is that of long life.

Absalom did not heed this command, and the result is shown in the sad ending of his life, while he was yet young. Thousands of young men and women have shortened their lives in the same way that Absalom did. Of course I do not mean to say that all have met the same kind of a death. But disobedience may be a fruitful source of death in many ways. Many a boy by disobeying kind parents went from one step of crime to another, until he was led to commit murder, and ended his life on the gallows. Others have disobeyed their parents by using tobacco and shortened their lives in that way, and still others have taken to drinking rum and became drunkards, and thus shortened their lives. The Bible teaches that "The wicked shall not live half of their days," and disobedience to parents generally leads to wickedness of all kinds. Sometimes parents love their children so well that they fail to punish them for this disobedience when they are little, and when they grow up disobedient and come to a bad end they have to regret their neglected duty. This, no doubt, was the case with David. He no doubt felt when he heard of Absalom's sad death that he was partly to blame for it himself. God's judgments were visited on both father and son in this case. Absalom, the disobedient son, suffered a horrible and un-

timely death; and David, the too indulgent parent, lost a son whom he loved.

This is the report of the Ashland Dewdrop fund from organization, up to August 8d, 1884:

Lottie Holsinger,	45
Clara Bennighof,	10
Grace Shoemaker,	10
Lizzie Markley,	20
Daisy Markley,	11
Nettie Bennighof,	5
Bertha Myers,	10
A Friend,	10
Fannie Franks,	5

Total, \$1 26

You can see by this, our report, that we have not been idle. The little that we have done is encouraging, and we go on, trying to improve as we go, and hoping to benefit all. Are we to be left alone in this work? Cannot other mission societies be formed in connection with the Sunday schools? A number of the little helpers have said they would like to be in organized clubs. Will not their teachers help them to organize and give them plans for organization? I know they want to help, and will do all in their power to push the work along. May God help us to assist the young in all good works and bless the little ones for the interest they have taken in this work.

Report of Dewdrop fund for the week, ending August 6th:

Nelly Clark,	10
"A Little Friend from Pa.,"	10
Ashland Dewdrop club	\$1 26
Previously reported,	3 15

Total, \$4 61

Letters from the Children.

Dear Editor:

I saw so many letters in the Youth's Department I thought I would write. I attend Sabbath school at the cross roads. We have a good sized school. Can any of the letter writers find where girl is spoken of in the Bible. We take the EVANGELIST and like it very much, and take pleasure in reading it. I would like to see the letters in the Youth's Department increase, so will try and help. MOLLIE B. BONDS, Keezletown, Va.

The question you ask, Nellie, has been answered, but I know some one who remembers will take pleasure in telling you. I am glad that you obtain so much pleasure from reading our paper. Hope we can ever make it full of interest.

Dear Lottie:

I think our department is very nice for the young folks to read. I would like very much to hear from Aunt Laura. I wonder why she does not write. I hope our Dewdrop fund will get along very nicely, and hope that the good work may continue. If you will allow I will send a puzzle and see who can answer it. The puzzle is an easy one.

ELMA ARMSTRONG.

Your letter was written before Aunt Laura's letter was published. I hope you have read it by this time. Certainly, Elma, anything in that line, we will be pleased to publish in the Youth's Department. We would like very much to have an essay from you or any other little girl or boy. It need not be anything very long nor about anything strange or new. State your subject and then tell us what you know about it, and after you have written the first one the second will be much easier.

Seeing many letters in the EVANGELIST of little boys and girls, I made up my mind to write to the young folks. I am eleven years old. I go to the Berlin Sunday school. We have a good school. They started a Sunday school in the Buechley church, but that is too far for me to go. Elder John P. Cober is sick, and they think he will die.

He is about 82 years old. I hope we will all try to make our corner interesting to all, both old and young.

LOTTIE G. COBER.

Berlin, Pa.

Lottie writes to us from my former home. This is the first letter we have had from Berlin. Hope others will follow her example.

I am glad to learn of your Sunday school, and that you like to attend. When you write to us again please tell us your teacher's name, we might recognize it. We have since heard of elder Cober's death. He was a very old man.

I, too, am solicitous that the Youth's Department should be interesting to all, and your letters will help to make it such.

Dear Lottie:

I am glad you printed my little letter and poem. I attend Sunday school every Sunday. I went yesterday through a very hard rain, but no scholars came. There was no sabbath school or church. We get the Young Disciple at Sunday school. I was nine years old last April.

"SAVED BY GRACE."

Grace first contrived a way,
To save rebellious man;
And all the steps that grace display,
Which drew the wondrous plan.
Saved by grace alone--
This is all my plan.
Jesus died for all mankind,
And Jesus died for me.

I select this little verse. Your little friend,

JASON A. STIFLER.

Holidaysburg, Pa.

You are a brave little boy to thus face the storm and rain. I am sorry you were disappointed. Disappointments seem very cruel, but He who died for us, understands and rewards each attempt to do the will of our Father, and we are taught the perseverance in well doing is that will.

ENIGMA.

In Adam but not in Heron;
In Jacob and also in Aaron;
In Noah but not in Jeron;
In Isaac and also in Nehemiah;
In Luke but not in Saul;
In Lazarus and also in Paul.
My whole is the name of a prophet.

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